

15E.18 Cities, counties, and regions — site preparation for targeted economic development.

1. For purposes of [this section](#), “*region*” means a group of two or more contiguous counties that establishes a single, focused economic development effort.

2. A city, county, or region, subject to the approval of the property owner, may designate an area within the boundaries of the city, county, or region for a specific type of targeted economic development. The specific type of targeted economic development shall be one of the following:

- a. Manufacturing.
- b. Light industrial.
- c. Warehouse and distribution.
- d. Office parks.
- e. Business and commerce parks.
- f. Research and development.

3. A city, county, or region that designates an area for a specific type of targeted economic development may apply to the department for purposes of certifying the area as a preapproved development site. The department shall develop criteria for the certification process.

4. Prior to a specific project being developed, a city, county, or region designating the area for targeted economic development pursuant to [this section](#) may apply for and obtain appropriate licenses, permits, and approvals for the type of targeted economic development project desired for the area.

2003 Acts, ch 158, §1; 2003 Acts, 1st Ex, ch 1, §130, 133

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